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In re Application of

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUEST

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Sir:

This is a response to the restriction request mailed September 10, 2002 and
a separately enclosed four-month extension of time.

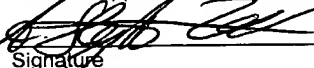
The claims of Group I are elected with traverse. The grouped claims are
inter-twined. A proper examination of the Group I claims would necessitate a
search in the area for Group II.

Claims 13 and 14 are proper product of the process claims and should be
examined with the claims of Group I. In addition, Claims 13 and 14 are also
proper linking claims which link the process and the product claims of
Group II for examination together.

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Therefore, a reconsideration and examination of all claims is requested but in particular the claims of Group I plus Claims 13 and 14. It is submitted that all Claims 1-20 as presently before the Examiner from the Preliminary Amendment filed June 28, 2002, are patentable over all the patents of record in the PTO-1449 forms submitted and should be allowed.

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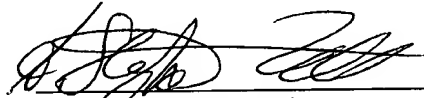
The requirement should be withdrawn and all claims examined. In the alternative, the Group I and Claims 13 and 14 are proper for examination according to the MPEP on restriction procedures. A withdrawal of the restriction is requested. An allowance of all Claims 1-20, as presently on file before the Examiner, over all the art of record is also requested.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any and all fees necessary to maintain pendency, enter the response, and consider this response to Deposit Account No. 03-1620.

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